

care of their records to officers who had training in Archives Keeping. A number of Universities have welcomed the resolution and assured that they would take necessary steps. Since, however, many had failed to appreciate the intent and purpose of the resolution, the question was raised again at the 40th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission in February 1970. As recommended by it, the Universities have been addressed again on the subject by the Secretary. A proposal urging the Universities to set up a model Archival Cell has been sent to the Universities and University Grants Commission by the Secretary.

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The resolution was not taken up due to the absence of the mover.

(15) Extension of microfilm facilities by the National Archives of India to Universities and Libraries

Resolution by Prof. O.P. Bhatnagar

Resolved that the National Archives of India should set up microfilm units, the services of which should be made available to the Universities and Libraries.

Secretary's Note

Resolution XIV of the 40th Session (1970) recommended that the National Archives of India might set up adequate mobile microfilm units to take microfilm copies of private papers in different parts of India at the request of Regional Records Survey Committees or otherwise. The decision of the Government of India, to whom the resolution has been forwarded, is awaited.

The National Archives of India has a small Microfilm Unit which undertakes microfilming of only such records as are considered to be of national importance and in which the Department itself is interested.

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Dr. Prasad informed the members about the very limited capacity of the Microfilming Unit of the National Archives of India and the great difficulties in the proposed extension of microfilming services to the Universities and Learned Institutions. In the light of the clarification, Prof. Bhatnagar agreed to withdraw the resolution.

- (16) Access to scholars to pre-1925 records relating to Kashmir in the National Archives of India

Resolution by Shri F.M. Hassanain

The Commission resolves that all pre-1925 records relating to Kashmir, in the custody of the National Archives of India, be thrown open for research to all bonafide Research Scholars without any restriction.

Explanatory Note

The issue regarding throwing open of Kashmir records was taken up by the Archival Legislation Committee, which recommended that, as all Kashmir records were open for research without any restriction at London and Lahore, there was no necessity to keep them sealed at the National Archives of India.

Secretary's Note

The observations of the Committee on Archival Legislation (1960) were as follows:

"As regards the records relating to Kashmir the present restrictions are based upon some misunderstanding. The fact is that the Government do not have a separate series of records relating to